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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
FOR  
RADIO SHOP CONSTRUCTION

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EA COVER SHEET

Project Name/Number: RADIO SHOP CONSTRUCTION, OR-110-04-01

Location: Medford District Office

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This environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Radio Shop was prepared utilizing a systematic interdisciplinary approach integrating the natural and social sciences and the environmental design arts with planning and decision making.

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1/27/04  
Date

The environmental assessment was made available for public review on February 2, 2004.

Comments regarding this document should be received by the BLM by February 17, 2004.

# RADIO SHOP CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## Purpose of and Need for Action

The need for this EA is to analyze construction of a building to house the radio shop facilities. The proposed action is described below in Section I. The purpose of the proposed action is to construct a building to house the radio shop of the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District

This environmental assessment (EA) is being prepared to determine if the proposed action and any of the alternatives would have a significant effect on the human environment thus requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) as prescribed in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. It is also being used to inform interested parties of the anticipated impacts and provide them with an opportunity to comment on the various alternatives.

## Conformance with Land Use Plan

The proposed action is in conformance with the *Medford District Resource Management Plan of the Record of Decision* dated April 14, 1995. This resource management plan incorporates the earlier *Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and the Standards and Guidelines for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl*.

## Hazardous Materials Investigation

A thorough search of available records, including BLM, federal and state lists of potential sites, BLM land status records (Historical Index/Master Title Plat), mining claim records, and case records was conducted and did not reveal any potential for contamination by hazardous materials. In addition, a physical inspection of the site was conducted and no evidence was observed on the ground.

## I. Alternatives

### A. Alternative I

The proposed action would consist of construction of a building with approximately 1782 square feet of office space. This proposal includes full utility connections, including electricity, phone, and septic. The proposed action would locate the new office in the present wareyard of the main office at 3040 Biddle road. This would be approximately 40 feet north of the Dispatch office and would entail approximately one tenth of an acre of ground disturbance.

B. Alternative II, No Action Alternative

Under this alternative of no action, the BLM would not construct the building on Medford District, Bureau of Land Management property.

II. Environmental Consequences

This chapter discusses how specific resources would or would not be affected by implementation of the alternatives contained in this analysis

A. Impacts of the Proposed Action, Alternative I

Construction in a presently disturbed site such as the existing wareyard is going to be of minor impact. There are no soil or hydrological concerns. No threatened or endangered species habitat the area or no know noxious weeds are involved. The area is devoid of vegetation.

B. Alternative II, No Action Alternative

The no action alternative is to not construct the building. No environmental impacts would be realized with this alternative.

III. Consultation with Others

Miriam Liberatore – Engineer  
Rod Laber – Hazardous Materials

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
for  
Radio Shop Construction  
Medford District  
OR-110-04-01

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

The Bureau of Land Management's Medford District has analyzed a proposal to construct a radio shop at their District Office at 3040 Biddle Road.

The proposed action is described in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) # OR-110-04-01. All documents may be reviewed at the Medford District Office.


This proposal is located at the Medford District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road. The proposed action is not considered to be precedent setting and is considered to be a normal action in implementing the ROD.

There are no floodplains, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, known hazardous waste areas, areas of Native American religious concern, prime nor unique farmlands within the project area. The project area does not qualify for potential wilderness designation, nor has it been nominated as an Area of Environmental Concern. No adverse significant impact is anticipated to fisheries, air quality, lands, and minerals. No threatened or endangered plants or cultural or paleontological resources were observed in the area. Should threatened or endangered plants or cultural or paleontological resources be discovered they would be protected.

The estimation of impacts was based on research and professional judgment. This method of estimating effects on the environment reduces the uncertainties to a level which does not involve highly unknown or unique risks

FONSI Determination

On the basis of the information contained in the EA and all other information available to me as is summarized and above, it is my determination that none of the alternatives analyzed constitute a significant impact affecting the quality of the human environment greater than those addressed in the Medford District Resource Management Plan /EIS. Therefore, a new EIS or a supplement to the existing EIS is unnecessary and will not be prepared.

  
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District Manager

1/27/04  
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**EXISTING  
ROAD MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

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**LOCATION OF NEW FIRE CACHE REMODEL**

**EXISTING  
FIRE DISPATCH  
BUILDING**

**LOCATION OF NEW RADIO SHOP**

